

R E M A R K S

Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

SUPPORT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found (i) in the drawings as originally filed, for example, in FIG. 3 and (ii) in the specification as originally filed, for example, on page 11, lines 6-18. Claim 32 is amended for consistency. As such, no new matter has been introduced.

IN THE DRAWINGS

In a Telephone Interview on February 22, 2005 (summarized below) agreement was reached that the amendment to FIG. 2 filed June 24, 2004 did not introduce new matter and would be entered. It was further agreed that the objection to the drawings and/or previously submitted replacement drawing sheets would be withdrawn.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In Telephone Interviews on February 1, 2005 and February 22, 2005 (summarized below) agreement was reached that the amendment to the specification filed June 24, 2004 which added the phrase "a mouse 203" did not introduce new matter. It was further agreed that the objection to the specification would be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

In Telephone Interviews on February 1, 2005 and February 22, 2005 (summarized below) agreement was reached that the rejection of claims 1-5, 7-17, 19-27, 29 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement would be withdrawn.

With respect to claims 1, 7, 16, 20 and 25, agreement was reached that the additions of (i) the mouse 203 to FIG. 2 and (ii) the phrase "a mouse 203" on page 7, line 9 of the specification were not new matter. Specifically, agreement was reached that the Background section of the specification and the cited references provided evidence that it is well-known in the art for computers to have a mouse or equivalent device. As such, claims 1-5, 7-17 and 19-27 are fully patentable under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

With respect to claims 29 and 32, the specification, as originally filed, reads:

The microprocessor 106 is generally programmed to implement the USB "HID" standard such as the Device Class Definition For Human Interface Device (HID), version 1.1, published April 4, 1999, that is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. **This allows the control to function as a standard keyboard** known to the operating system, and therefore the control requires no special driver code to be loaded into the computer 200. Further, **the microprocessor 106 may be programmed to implement a standard keyboard HID function,** with the pushbuttons 104a-104n acting as the keyboard key normally used to advance an electronic presentation to the next slide (page 13, line 17 through page 14, line 6, of

the specification as originally filed, emphasis added).

One of ordinary skill in the art would understand (as evidenced by the Device Class Definition For Human Interface Device (HID), version 1.1, published April 4, 1999, which was incorporated by reference in its entirety into the specification) that a device functioning as a standard keyboard would not generate signals representing movement of said device or any of an x displacement, a y displacement, an x position and a y position. As such, claims 29 and 32 are fully patentable under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 12, 15-17, 19, 21-23 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bretschneider et al. '629 (hereinafter Bretschneider) in view of Sartore et al. '103 (hereinafter Sartore) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 2, 3, 10, 11 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bretschneider in view of Sartore, and in further view of Meyn et al. '623 (hereinafter Meyn) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 20 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bretschneider in view of Meyn has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bretschneider in view of Sartore, and in further view of Vanderpool et al. '174 (hereinafter Vanderpool) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bretschneider in view of Sartore and Vanderpool, and in further view of Indekeu et al. '477 (hereinafter Indekeu) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

In contrast to the cited references, the presently claimed invention (claim 1) provides an apparatus comprising a resonator (i) disposed within the housing and (ii) coupled to the first device, where the apparatus is configured to connect, in addition to a mouse and a keyboard, to a second device configured to run the electronic presentation program. Claims 16 and 20 include similar limitations.

In Telephone Interviews on February 1, 2005 and February 22, 2005 (summarized below) agreement was reached that the art of record did not teach or suggest a resonator (i) disposed within the housing and (ii) coupled to the first device as presently claimed. Therefore, the cited references do not teach or suggest each and every element of the presently claimed invention. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejections should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-5, 7-15, 17, 19 and 21-33 depend, directly or indirectly, from either claim 1, claim 16 or claim 20 which are believed to be allowable. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejections should be withdrawn.

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS

In Telephone Interviews on February 1, 2005 and February 22, 2005, Examiner Nguyen and Applicant's representative, Robert Miller, discussed the presently pending claims, the specification and the cited references.

Applicant's representative pointed out that the Background section of the specification and the cited references (e.g., FIG. 2 of Bretschneider et al) provided evidence that it is well-known in the art for computers to have a mouse or equivalent device attached. In particular, Applicant's representative pointed out that one of ordinary skill in the field of the invention would clearly recognize the illustration of element 42 in FIG. 2 of Bretschneider et al. as being a mouse. Applicant's representative further pointed out that nowhere did the specification state that the present invention physically eliminates or replaces the mouse. Agreement was reached that the addition of (i) the mouse 203 to FIG. 2 and (ii) the phrase "a mouse 203" on page 7, line 9 of the specification was not new matter. Agreement was further reached that the proposed amendment to FIG. 2 and replacement drawing sheet were acceptable and would be entered.

Agreement was reached that the art of record did not disclose a resonator as disclosed in FIG. 3 of the specification. Agreement was reached that addition of a resonator element to claims 1, 16 and 20 would put the application in condition for allowance.

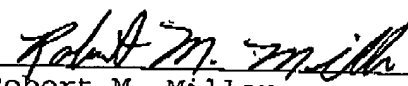
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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